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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7, 9 and 24-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 8 and 28-33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

I. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Egbert (US 6,236,654 B1).

1. Regarding claims 1 and 6 and 24 - Egbert discloses a network switch (callout 12 in Figure 1) which constructs two address lookup tables one in the internal rules engine and the other in the external rules engine, refer to Figures 3 and 4 and column 6 lines 4 to 42.

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Egbert discloses snooping a communication channel for lookup table information and upon detection transmitting the lookup table in the remote system, refer to Figure 3 and column 6 lines 33 to 42.

2. Regarding claim 2 – Egbert discloses at least one lookup table insert message, refer to column 2 lines 12 to 22.

3. Regarding claim 3 – Egbert discloses accessing the lookup table via a CPU, refer to Figure 4 and column 13 lines 25 to 40.

4. Regarding claim 4 – Egbert discloses that the system memory is dedicated for CPU operation, refer to Figure 1 and column 4 lines 38 to 56.

5. Regarding claims 7 and 9 and 25 – Egbert discloses accessing the remote system memory via a DMA operation, refer to Figures 1 and 14 and column 4 lines 38 to 56 and column 16 lines 48 to 64.

6. Regarding claim 26 – Egbert discloses the network switch comprises a single silicon substrate, refer to Figure 1 callout 12, IMS, and column 4 lines 37 to 56.

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7. Regarding claim 27 – Egbert discloses inserting tags into the received packets and removing the tags prior to transmitting the packets and a processing unit for processing the packets with tags, refer to Figure 13 and column 15 and column 16 lines 1 to 48.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 8, and 28-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10-23 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Kerstein (US 6,292,483 B1) discloses an apparatus and method for generating an index key for a network switch routing table using a programmable hash function.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (703) 306-5420. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (703) 305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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